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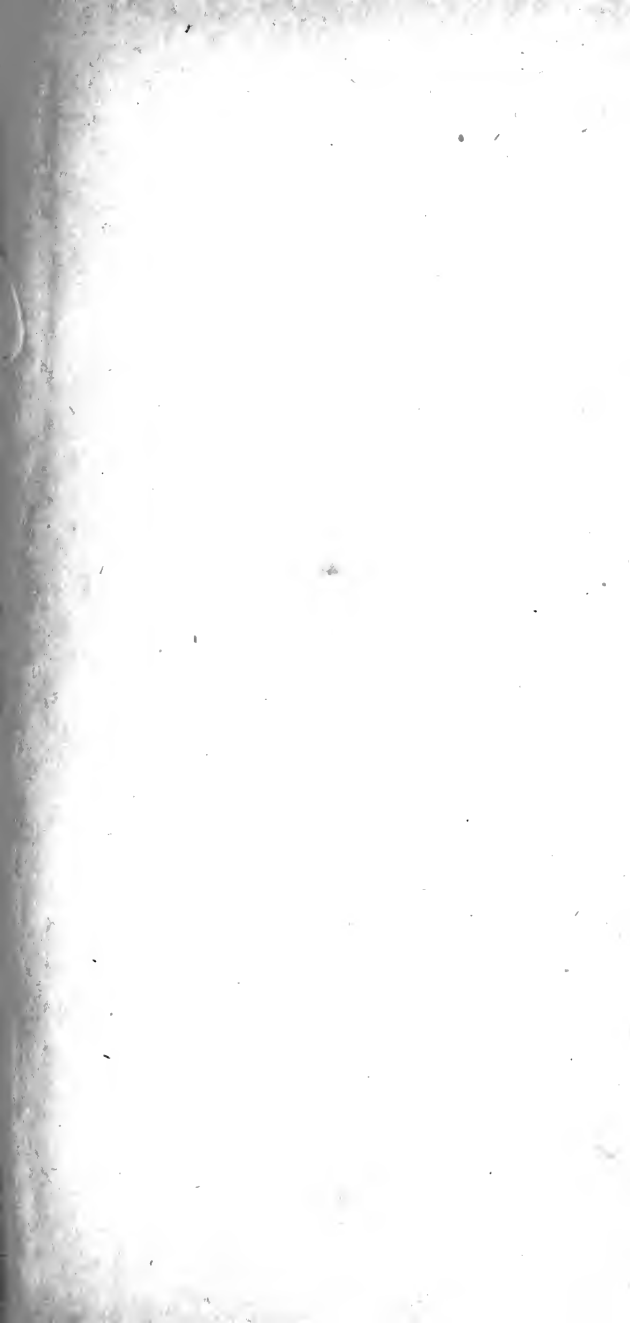


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PREFATORY NOTE

This little book of Bible Studies has been prepared as a supplement to the Riddell Lectures on Vital Christianity. It is intended to serve as a means of extending the work begun by the Holy Spirit through the lectures. The Personal Worker's System, as here outlined, is little more than suggestive. To be made effective, it must be adapted to local conditions, and altered to meet specific needs. No system is more than a means. Consecrated workers, prevailing faith, and the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, can alone make the system effective, and get spiritual results. Should any pastor or Christian layman desire to try to introduce the system apart from the lectures, the author will be glad to coöperate through correspondence, and assist in every way possible to make the efforts glorify Jesus Christ in the redemption of precious souls, or in deepening the spiritual experience of believers.

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I.

SERVICE

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PERSONAL WORKER'S SYSTEM.

INTRODUCTION.

1. **Works:** "My Father worketh even until now, and I work." "If any will not work, neither let him eat."* Growth demands action. Doing is a way of becoming. Service is a means of appropriating Divine grace, love, truth and power. Idleness results in weakness, paralysis—death. To attempt or expect to live in the body of Christ without doing something for Him is irrational and unscientific. Inactive cells of an organic body are cast out; the unfruitful branches of a vine are cut off; an unprofitable servant is cast into prison. Many have no spiritual appetite because they do nothing to produce a hunger and thirst after righteousness. Some churches are powerless because their members are lifeless. The body of Christ suffers more from internal apathy than from external opposition.

2. **The Master's Method:** Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master, was first of all a teacher. He taught the disciples. He taught in the synagogues. He taught the multitudes. Many believed on Him because of

* The American Revised Version is used throughout this book except when otherwise indicated.

His works. Believed what? His sayings. Many were convicted. By what? The Spirit and the truth. He made His teachings the means to spiritual birth and Christian living. His Spirit is in the world to continue His methods. Whoever would work in harmony with Him and be used of Him must learn to proclaim the Word in faith and depend upon the Holy Spirit for results.

3. The Holy Spirit, the Worker: The Master said, "The words that I say unto you I speak not from Myself: but the Father abiding in Me doeth His works." "It is God who worketh in you both to will and to work." Christian service consists primarily in serving as a channel for the Lord's expression. Its first requirement is unconditional surrender and whole-hearted consecration of all we are and have. Its second is to choose continually that His will be done in us, through us and by us. This course permits Him to come into manifestation. It also fulfills the law of spiritual progress. "Whosoever would become great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant."

4. The Bible and Service: The scriptures are the true basis of all Christian endeavor. They supply the right teaching to enable the Holy Spirit to do His work. To become an efficient worker, one must learn to use his Bible and depend upon it. In making converts, teaching the truth, encouraging the discouraged, directing the perplexed, strengthening the weak, counseling the strong, comforting the sorrowing, convicting sinners, or inspiring saints, there is nothing equal to the scriptures wisely used

by a consecrated soul. All other means are questionable, and the results obtained are seldom deep, genuine, or permanent. Human opinions are faulty; argument separates and excites opposition. Much talk and persuasion is a waste of time and opportunity. "Thus saith the Lord," is the way to victory and lasting results. Every Christian should study his Bible, first, with a view of getting a clear understanding of its vital themes, doctrines and promises; second, with a view of applying its teachings to specific needs. Studied in this way it will be found to contain an answer to every question, a way of escape from every difficulty, a word of counsel for every perplexity, and a solution for every problem.

5. **Opportunity:** "The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few." God's work is so varied that every one willing to be a channel of Divine love, no matter what his station, position, or condition in life, may serve. No one is so limited that he cannot do something to promote the kingdom. The Lord needs common laborers as well as skilled artisans and overseers. The poorest and weakest can disseminate love, radiate goodness, repeat a promise, or give a cup of cold water in His name. It is all a question of willingness. If the heart is right for the Lord's use, every association and condition is an opportunity. Daily work for the Master means daily bread for the soul.

Every unconverted soul needs Christ; every non-church-goer needs a personal invitation to attend Divine worship; every un-Christian home needs visiting by Christian friends; every pastor needs the prayers

and co-operation of his parishioners. Parents need instruction in eugenics and child training; children need culturing according to their physical and mental requirements; young people need instruction in social hygiene, the science of the emotions, and the privileges and duties of courtship, marriage and parentage. Many need direction in choosing vocations, in increasing efficiency, in character building, and in acquiring the elements of success. All need educating in the principles of democracy and the rights and duties of citizenship. Foreigners need help in mastering the language, and in securing such education as will enable them to intelligently exercise the rights of franchise. Society needs a higher and truer ideal of what constitutes happiness. Business, industry, and politics all need re-organizing on the basis of co-operation, mutual helpfulness and a Christian conscience. Only gross selfishness, mental or moral stupidity, or criminal indifference, can withhold a soul from trying to do something for others.

6. Christian Effort: The chief work of a Christian is to realize the kingdom of God within, and convert others. The first is the means of accomplishing the second. One must be before he can do. Ministering to mankind's temporal needs is an essential part of Christian work. But no social service can compare with, or take the place of, converting people to accept Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour. Life, spiritual life, is humanity's first need. "All men have sinned." "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." "The wages of sin is death; but the

free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Realizing the lost condition of the unregenerate should inspire every Christian and lover of mankind with zeal for service.

7. The Unseen Tragedy: An army long accustomed to slaughter, groans and suffering, becomes so hardened that it can look upon death with levity; dance and make merry amidst scenes of horror. Likewise, the church has become so accustomed to the tragedies of sin and selfishness that they excite little genuine interest. Blind to the necessity of being born anew, many good people under the illusion of self-righteousness are unaware of their lost condition and need of a Saviour. Love of ease, pleasure seeking and selfish ambition keep multitudes from the straight and narrow way. Millions are so buried in the grind of industry and vocational activities that they are indifferent to things spiritual. The weak and the wicked, betrayed by desire, burning with the fires of passion, know not Love's way of escape. It is time for heroic effort. The tragedy of sinful humanity is appalling. The perils of the unsaved should quicken the human expression of Divine love. As one would shield a child from impending danger, protect the blind from an open pit, stop a friend from unwittingly drinking a deadly poison, or battle with flames to rescue sleeping loved ones from a burning building; so should every Christian be impelled to rescue the unregenerate, and persuade men everywhere to turn from death and find life in Christ.

8. The New Evangelism: The new plan of personal evangelism aims to supplement

the efforts of the preacher and the professional evangelist. The present régime depends mainly upon the regular church services and special meetings for making converts. This limits the opportunity to the few that attend church. Again, but few converts continue in association with those that were instrumental in their conversion. Surrounded by opposing influences, many lapse into old conditions. The new program makes it possible to approach every member of society, whether church-attendant or not, and to assist every convert to grow in grace until grounded in the faith through personal experience.

Christianity is a Spiritual Life, not human life perfected or highly evolved, but a supernatural life begotten in man by the Holy Spirit, and sustained by grace. Every normal person has the capacity to receive this life and enter into the Kingdom of God. Therefore, most of the unconverted in Christian lands are so, because the influences brought to bear upon them have failed to so enlighten the mind and open the heart as to cause response to the plan of salvation.

Human nature in all is much the same. It is unjust and irrational to assume that the unconverted are more willful, sinful and less susceptible to truth and Divine love, by nature or choice, than Christians were before their conversion. Since current methods for making converts reach only the few, it is imperative that they be supplemented by a system of more general application.

9. **Inactive Members:** The splendid work of trained choirs and eloquent preachers makes possible the maintenance of large

churches in which but few of the members take any regular, active part. This is deadening. It retards development. It fosters dissension and worldliness. It fails to utilize the power latent in inactive members. The Personal Worker's System gives every member something to do, not only on the Lord's day, but during the week, thus providing a means for individual growth, and increasing the working force of the church.

The old idea and practice of making religion a thing apart from secular activities must give way to the new and the true ideal of Divinity in all things pure and righteous. Christian living means living in Christ and manifesting Him in everything. *A man's vocation is his principal means of service.* No profession of faith, or Lord's day observance of religious customs, can make amends for an unrighteous business, or take the place of daily devotion expressed through social ethics and vocational righteousness. The individual, the church, or the institution, that exists without the purpose of helpfulness to others, is un-Christian. The Master's words, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these My brethren, even these least, ye did it unto Me," apply to institutions, business firms and corporations quite as much as to persons. Those that are not serving mankind are not serving Christ, and are therefore under judgment.

PREACHING AND TEACHING.

1. **The Pulpit:** The preacher of truth and righteousness has been the power of God unto salvation to the multitudes. But preaching should be supplemented by a sys-

tem of definite teaching. Every thoughtful pastor realizes the limitations of the pulpit. He speaks to a congregation of all ages, grades of intelligence and degrees of spiritual development. He is required to dispense milk and meat at the same time. What he might say with great helpfulness to the few, he dare not say to the many, for they are not able to receive. The new program gives him an opportunity to meet the needs of all, and to train every member in the use of the Bible and the art of personal work.

2. Ministerial Duties: The work of the minister should be confined to ministering. He should be relieved from purely social and secular obligations. He needs time to be still before God. He must be Spirit-filled and Spirit-taught to be the channel of Divine grace to others. The Master said, "For their sakes I sanctify Myself." If He, then how much more should the preacher have time and take time for daily consecration.

"Be still and know that I am God." The quiet hour is the way of inward holiness, inspiration and power. To be still, one must, by Divine grace, stop thinking, stop willing and stop desiring; and love God with the whole heart, soul, mind and strength. It is easy to enter the subjective realm of the mortal spirit and experience various kinds of phenomena, listen to voices of mingled truth and error, and demonstrate mind-power and privileges; but the true mystical silence of spiritual consciousness is reached only by the operation of the Holy Spirit within a regenerate human spirit. To co-operate with Him takes time,

practice, self-renunciation, non-attachment, purification, and earnest, faithful devotion. It often requires heart-searching and repentance, and it always demands obedience and the acceptance of Christ's vicarious atonement. These, with intense love, Divine love, open the door into the Holy of Holies, and effect the union of a soul with God. This union through the efficacy of the blood of Jesus Christ and the operation of the Holy Spirit is what makes a preacher. No natural talent, education, or theological training can take the place of Christ formed within. The servant must be able to say out of his own heart's experience, "I know Whom I have believed."

The preacher that has no time for daily spiritual concentration can not live his highest nor do his best. Regular practice of entering into the Lord's consciousness, eventually makes it possible to do so during work and turmoil. If this course is persisted in, it will become habitual, resulting in consciousness of the abiding presence of the Most High. This is the secret of continual deliverance from the desires of the flesh. It is the way of escape from the temptations and worries of the world. It is the path of duty and privilege that insures the presence of Divine power and efficiency in service.

"Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." This initial requirement obtains throughout the Christian experience. Therefore, in seeking to enter the presence of the Most High, the faithful disciple becomes as a little child. He remains as a little child, not presuming to know, or have

opinions of his own; waiting upon the Lord in loving expectancy, eager to receive and quick to obey. Precious beyond expression are the experiences given in the quiet of the soul, when God manifests Himself as Love and Truth. But unless directed to communicate the Lord's instructions to others, the wise disciple gratefully accepts them for his personal guidance, protection and inspiration, and fulfils the injunction, "See thou tell no man."

3. A Consultation Hour: A minister should have a regular consultation hour. His own people and the public should be invited to come to him with their problems. Young people need personal advice on subjects seldom spoken of in the home. Many are struggling with temptations, besetting sins, bad habits, or devils of fear and worry. Domestic difficulties, business perplexities, etc., are numerous and varied. A minister actuated by Divine love, trained in the use of the Word and illumined by the Spirit, can be of inestimable service in the solution of these personal problems. Moreover, these conferences afford the best opportunities for leading applicants to accept Christ, which is often the solution of their difficulties. In consultation, human opinions are of little value, and are often dangerous and misleading. The Word of God should be the servant's answer. This keeps personality out, and places the responsibility upon the applicant to respond to God, not man. No unnecessary confidences should be solicited or accepted; but when received, duty and discretion demand that they be held as belonging to the Lord, too sacred to be repeated even to wife or husband.

4. The Christian Clinic: Christ came into the world to do the will of the Father; to give the more abundant life; to seek and to save that which was lost; to set at liberty those that were bound; to destroy the works of Satan; to suffer once for all, and fulfil the law of vicarious atonement, that through Him all might be saved; to give all that was His to them that believe, walk by faith and live by grace. He said in the upper room, "Father, * * * I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do;" and again on the cross, "It is finished." Therefore all He accomplished is for those that believe and accept His finished work. He entered once for all into the Holy Place as a High Priest, where He ever liveth to make intercession for us. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. The works that He did during His incarnation He is able and willing to do through the Holy Spirit in as many as believe and have faith in His presence and power. No one need be bound by bad habits, perverted passions, vanity, temper, greed, or diseases arising from sin or wrong emotive activities. The Lord is mighty to deliver and quick to heal the souls of His people. The church has lost much by failing to apply the Gospel as the remedy for every form of human depravity. To be truly saved means more than the assurance of entrance into Paradise. It means deliverance here and now from the carnal nature and its besetting sins, weaknesses and perverted tendencies.*

* In the lecture on "Service and the Christian Clinic," published in the author's book, "Method," specific directions are given for applying the Gospel in gaining deliverance from every form of evil.

All applicants for counsel are of two classes, those that have accepted salvation by vicarious atonement and those that have not. The latter should be directed to Christ as the way out of their difficulties; the former should be taught how to appropriate the full riches of their inheritance as members of the body of Christ. The vicarious atonement made by Jesus Christ, when fully accepted, substitutes in man Divine nature and perfection for perverted human nature and imperfection. The needy soul should be taught to "die daily" unto self, and to "put on Christ" moment by moment,—His spiritual blood* for the purifying and vitalizing of human blood; His wholeness and holiness for mortal ills; His strength for mortal weakness; His freedom, power, and victory over all the works of Satan, for mortal bondage, and the limitations of the evil one. Persistent acceptance of the finished work of Calvary and insistence upon the victory of Christ will finally lead the Christian into the "glorious liberty of the children of God," into full "citizenship" in the kingdom of heaven, into complete restoration to the Divine image and dominion over all things.

THE PERSONAL WORKER'S SYSTEM.

1. **Object:** The personal worker's system is not an organization, but a method of supplementing the various departments of church work, and increasing their efficiency. It aims to vitalize the church by spiritual-

* See page 158, in the author's book, "Method."

izing its membership; and then increase the membership through personal evangelism, education and social service.

2. **Method:** The system is based upon the biological law of life-propagation and cell-multiplication. Christ is the life. The nucleus or unit of the system is a twice-born, consecrated, Spirit-filled soul. All individual growth, propagation and multiplication are by the communication and expression of the one indivisible Christ-life. The scriptures are the means used to instruct the mind and open the heart to receive the quickening Spirit. No one can become a worker in this system unless vitally related to Jesus Christ, and willing to serve as a channel for the Holy Spirit's expression. Human nature can assist and encourage human nature; and all unselfish endeavor is commendable, and has its place in Christian service. But no human effort, however well-meaning and zealous, can accomplish spiritual works. Only spiritual causes can produce spiritual effects. Only Christ can de-vitalize a soul of sin and re-vitalize it with spiritual life. Therefore everyone who would become a worker must begin in his own heart, and by self-surrender, faith and grace, realize the fullness of his Lord before presuming to be fully equipped for service.

3. **The Word:** Next to being Spirit-filled, the most important part of the worker's equipment is to be thoroughly furnished with the Word, and trained in its use. This furnishing should include a knowledge of its vital teachings, the plan of salvation, the law of grace, the commandments, the promises, and the revealed operations of the Holy Spirit. It is a consistent, persistent

presentation of wisely selected scripture that instructs, convicts, converts and inspires. No human opinion, argument or persuasion is comparable with the right use of God's Word. The more fully a worker depends upon the Holy Spirit and the Word of the Lord for everything, the more satisfactory will be his personal experience and efforts to help others.

4. How to Begin Work: Enter into complete surrender to be used by the Holy Spirit in praise and thanksgiving, and in intercessory prayer for the sick and afflicted, for loved ones and the unsaved. Remember always it is the Spirit that intercedes effectually; that human nature apart from Him can do nothing. As He directs, talk with friends and business associates, the neighbor and the stranger, of spiritual verities, life and immortality. Every contact with others is an opportunity for personal growth and true service. Obey the impulses from within to help others. They are from Him. Invite an unsaved friend or two to join you in a brief study of the vital teachings of the Word. By directing this reading and keeping in the Spirit, it is possible to make the Word the means of conversion. As soon as new converts are furnished with the Word, and Spirit-filled, they should be encouraged and inspired to repeat the process. Any equipped soul may become the nucleus of an organization of unlimited numbers, living and working to the glory of the King and the establishment of His kingdom on earth.

5. The Pastor's Opportunity: The minister should be the initial unit of the vital

system within his church. By bringing together a few of his most spiritual parishioners and leading them into the deeper experience he may form a strong vital center. By instructing the members of this center in the use of the Word in making converts, how to pray and exercise faith, how to live and radiate the Divine life, and how to receive and manifest perfect love, he may soon have a working constituency of great possibilities. Through these few the entire church may be vitalized, instructed, and equipped for service. Such a body in any community, under wise direction, will soon double its membership and become a mighty power for righteousness and true progress. A preacher need not be eloquent, nor even scholarly, to be used of God in the accomplishment of mighty works. God's requirements may not include all that universities have to offer, nor all that many churches demand. If a consecrated, Spirit-filled grocery clerk could become Moody the Evangelist, and be used of God in the salvation of hundreds of thousands, the same Spirit may use any soul that meets the requirements necessary for His operations.

THE SYSTEM IN OPERATION.

When a pastor has a trained, consecrated group of ten or more workers, he should direct each to form a small circle for special Bible study and the use of the Word in personal evangelism. He should insist upon thoroughness of equipment. Half-trained, half-consecrated workers fail in their efforts,

lose interest and defeat the plan. The Living Word in the heart, expressed in the life, insures efficient effort from the start.

When a church is sufficiently vitalized to have a zeal for service, the system divides the work into two general divisions: Educational and Evangelistic. The work of each division is directed by a department superintendent appointed by the pastor and his advisory board for a term not exceeding one year.

1. The Educational Department: The work of the educational department is subdivided into three parts: (a) The personal worker's training class. This course of instruction is presented in twenty-five or more lessons, and includes a brief study of the vital themes of the Bible and the plan of salvation; how to pray in Spirit, and exercise faith; how to enter into deeper Christian experience by His grace; how to approach the unsaved and do personal work by the tactful use of the Word. The Bible studies outlined in this book are intended to form the basis of this course, but they should be supplemented by additional texts and collateral reading. (A list of suggestive helps will be found in the back of this book.) Each lesson should include a thorough scripture teaching on one theme, with questions, answers, and examinations, to make sure that the Word and its meaning is in the mind of every member of the class. Typical cases of personal work should be presented to the class for discussion, and helpful suggestions noted. This course of instruction is under the direction of the pastor and is to be repeated once each year. All new members should be encouraged to

take this course. Those who have taken the course once should be permitted to enter the class a second or third time for review if they so desire.

(b) Three reading circles conducted by efficient leaders, selected by the superintendent: (1) Eugenics, Heredity and Pre-Natal Culture. (2) Child Training and Family Government. (3) Character Building; The Elements of Success and How to Acquire Them. (Outlines of these courses will be found in the back of this book.) These reading classes are conducted during the winter season, meeting usually once a week for twenty weeks. The time of meeting is so arranged that one may take two or more of the courses. Each lesson usually consists of selected readings under the direction of the leader, followed by brief discussion, with corroborative quotations from standard authors. These classes should be open to the public, and made a means of interesting outsiders and strangers to become identified with the work of the church, and enjoy its privileges. They should be repeated each year.

(c) A course of lectures along educative lines, interspersed with a bi-monthly spelling contest, pronouncing contest, or debate. These contests include junior and senior divisions. Every member of the Church and Sunday School is invited to take some part, not only for personal advantage, but as an opportunity of service. The youth of the age are missing much that came to their parents through the old-fashioned spelling-school and debating-society. Theatres, moving pictures and dance-halls are supplying the entertainment for the young. It is the

duty and privilege of the church to save child-life from the evil impressions too often made by such amusements. Young people must have some place to go. They demand entertainment. Division (c) is intended to meet this demand by making the church a social center, a common meeting place for wholesome entertainment and instruction.

2. The Evangelistic Department: The work of this department is subdivided into four parts: (a) Extending personal invitations to non-church-goers, strangers and hotel guests to attend some of the regular services or join one or more of the evening classes. To increase interest and efficiency in this individual work the active membership of the church and Sunday School is divided by the department superintendent into teams of ten. Each team has a captain, who directs its work and makes a report to the superintendent of the number of new attendants gained and new members secured to one or more of the classes or church societies. No contest is made between teams in this work, but each is urged to do its best, not with the motive of surpassing others, but for the glory of God.

(b) Personal work is done in the office, the shop, at the noon hour, or on the train; wherever there is an opportunity to speak of things spiritual or read a verse of scripture. Each trained worker, as his time will permit, invites one or two of his friends or associates to his home for systematic study of the Word. By the formation of these little circles where two or three gather together, the most effective personal work can be done, and many reached who could not be induced to go to church or join one

of the larger classes. It is usually unwise to urge friends to accept Christ as a personal Saviour until the right instruction through Bible study has been given. The Word put into the mind and heart will be used by the Holy Spirit in convicting and converting. If the teaching is thorough, the worker may be sure of results. At the right time a definite decision may be suggested, and even tactfully urged. The worker should keep in mind that there are only two primary causes why every one does not accept salvation through Jesus Christ, viz., ignorance of the facts and laws involved, and sin and its effects. The scriptures rightly used make plain the former and show the consequences of the latter.

(c) The midweek prayer meeting is made the rallying time for all the teams and workers, the special time for personal evangelism, and the occasion for initiation into Christian fellowship of all new recruits and invited guests. The aim is to make this the big meeting of the week, not only in numbers but in work accomplished. The new program divides the hour into three periods. The first period of thirty minutes is devoted to the usual praise service and the presentation of special requests for prayer and other assistance. In the second period of twenty minutes the several teams separate and go to class rooms as in the usual Sunday School program, where the leader of each class directs the intercession for definite results, taking up each special request, prayer for the sick, the unsaved, etc. By this means every one is given an opportunity to take part. The small circle makes it possible to enter into the true

spirit of prayer. It relieves the sensitive from the embarrassment of the crowd; it prevents the few from occupying all the time; it encourages the weak and diffident; but best of all, it makes possible real, earnest, united, heart intercession, without which the prayer meeting neither glorifies God nor helps men. The third period of ten minutes is spent in general assembly, and usually consists of brief testimonies of deliverance, of victories won and grace received, concluding with a song of praise and thanksgiving. If there are classes or individuals that prefer to remain in intercession and not join in the last period, they should be allowed to do so without interruption. These small class meetings are made the special time for inviting seekers to decide for Christ and make profession of Him. The limited number present and the character of the meeting make it an opportune time both for the worker and the seeker.

(d) Holding special meetings in public parks, factories, shops, jails, missions, and with the sick and shut-ins. In addition to these special united efforts, each member of the church is supposed to be taught the law of intercessory prayer, to keep a prayer list and give some time each day to Bible study, personal devotion and earnest heart-searching. Every questionable impulse should be placed on the altar that it may be purified and sanctified. Let the constant, personal prayer be: the creature to the cross that Christ may be King. Let the note to the world be: a song of joy, a voice of praise, a word of gratitude, an expression of unwavering faith, forgiving love and abiding peace through the power of

His indwelling presence. Daily family worship should be observed in every Christian home. Children born and reared in an atmosphere fragrant with Divine love, and vibrant with the Spirit of God, grow up in truth and righteousness as naturally as the flower blossoms in the sunshine.

A WORD TO WORKERS.

No inflexible rule can be laid down for approaching or leading one to accept Christ. The worker must be tactful in awakening interest in things spiritual. The object always is to so enlighten the mind, quicken the conscience and touch the heart as to create desire and cause response to the plan of salvation.

The scriptures rightly presented vindicate their Divine origin and reasonableness. No intelligent person, capable of appreciating the logic of events, can study the promises and prophecies relative to Christ's incarnation, works and crucifixion, and their later fulfilment, together with His teachings, miracles, demonstration of superhuman power, resurrection, subsequent appearances, and the Pentecostal baptism of His followers and their works, without mentally accepting Him as the Messiah, the Incarnate Word—God made manifest. The evidences presented by these historic events would be accepted in any court of justice. They are sufficient to convince any unprejudiced, logical mind, or honest truth-seeker. Therefore, a systematic study of this topic is the best means of convincing a skeptic, and laying foundation for intelligent conversion and abiding faith. Prob-

ably not one unconverted person or nominal Christian in ten thousand knows what the Bible teaches about God, as Father, as Son, and as Holy Spirit; about man before and after the fall; about sin, redemption, forgiveness, regeneration, growth in grace, self-renunciation and the life in Christ; about the office, work and indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit; about Satan, his nature, power, limitations, duration of his reign and relation to human problems; about the kingdom, its origin, nature, how formed, extent and inhabitants; about the second coming of Jesus Christ and conditions at that time; or about judgment, reward, punishment, heaven and hell. The absence of definite teaching on these and other vital subjects is responsible for much of unbelief outside of the church, and lack of interest and spiritual experience among Christians. Any plan of evangelism that neglects such instruction lacks foundation for the building of Christian character and a virile faith. Human emotions stirred and conscience quickened to a point of penitence and desire to be saved may be the means of leading a soul into deeper experience. But except one be grounded in the faith through an understanding of the truth there is little chance for growth in grace, and great danger of reversion to the old life.

The Bible studies that constitute the remainder of this book have been selected with a view of supplying the instruction needed to give one a right understanding of the vital teachings of the Word as a basis of faith and rational acceptance of the plan of salvation, also to supply the texts most often needed in doing personal work.

II.

BIBLE STUDY

INTRODUCTION.*

In addition to history, biography, literature, and social laws and customs, the Bible includes a series of vital teachings about God and man and their relations to each other for time and eternity. These revelations of spiritual verities, studied topically, are so plain and definite in their teaching that, "The wayfaring men, yea fools, shall not err therein." They are so explicit and all-comprehensive that they should be studied by every truth-seeker that would be informed in the most important knowledge within the reach of man. They should be accepted by every Christian as the eternal Word of God, and appropriated as His personal message.

For convenience of study we have grouped these teachings under seven general heads, as follows: (1) God—Father, Son, Holy Spirit. (2) Man—Innocent, Degenerate, Regenerate. (3) Satan, Sin, Death, Hell. (4) Redemption, Atonement, Forgiveness, Regeneration. (5) Justification, Grace, Faith, Prayer, Works. (6) The Kingdom of God. (7) The Coming of the King.

Under additional heads we have arranged selected readings on the following topics: Commandments, God's Response to Prayer,

* For a more comprehensive introduction to Bible Study and key to the outer, inner and innermost meaning of scripture, see supplement to the author's book, "Method."

Healing, Spiritual Blessings, Teaching and Guidance, Comfort in Affliction, Life and Immortality, Assurances, How to Become a Christian, Convicting the Unsaved, God's Answers to Satan's Suggestions, and the Divine Right of Christians. In no instance are these readings exhaustive of the subject treated; but every teaching given and text used is corroborated by other texts and the spirit of the Word.

GOD, FATHER, SON, HOLY SPIRIT.

(a) THE SUPREME BEING.

1. **He is a Spirit:** Jn. 4:24. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. Rom. 8:11. If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies through His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

2. **He is Personal:** Ex. 6:2, 3. And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am Jehovah: and I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, as God Almighty; but by My name Jehovah I was not known to them. Isa. 44:6. Thus saith Jehovah, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, Jehovah of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and besides Me there is no God. Ex. 3:14. And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM. Jer. 10:10. Job 38:8.

3. **He is Omnipresent:** Eph. 4:6. One God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all. Acts 17:28. In Him we live, and move, and have our being. Ps. 102:12. Thou, O Jehovah, wilt abide for ever: I. Kings 8:27. Will God in very deed

dwell on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; Ps. 139:7-10. Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me.

4. **He is Omniscient:** Gen. 16:13. Thou art a God that seeth. I. Sam. 2:3. Jehovah is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed. I. Kings 8:39. Thou, even Thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men. Job 12:13. With God is wisdom and might; He hath counsel and understanding. Ps. 139:12. Even the darkness hideth not from Thee, but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.

5. **He is Omnipotent:** Isa. 45:5. I am Jehovah, and there is none else; besides Me there is no God: I will gird thee, though thou hast not known Me; Rev. 19:6. The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigneth. Ps. 66:7. A. V. He ruleth by His power for ever; Jer. 10:12. He hath made the earth by His power, He hath established the world by His wisdom, and by His understanding hath He stretched out the heavens. Rom. 13:1. There is no power but of God; and the powers that be are ordained of God. Mt. 6:13. A. V. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

6. **He is Incomprehensible:** Rom. 11:33-36. O the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God! how

unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past tracing out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been His counsellor? or who hath first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of Him and through Him, and unto Him are all things. Job 11:7; 37:23. Isa. 40:28. Rom. 8:7.

7. **He is Impartial:** I. Pet. 1:17. If ye call on Him as Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to each man's work, pass the time of your sojourning in fear. Rom. 2:6, 11. Who will render to every man according to his works; For there is no respect of persons with God. Deut. 10:17. Acts 10:34.

8. **He is Just:** Isa. 45:21. There is no God else besides Me, a just God and a Saviour: there is none besides Me. Ps. 119:137. Righteous art Thou, O Jehovah, and upright are Thy judgments. Rev. 19:2. II. Chr. 19:7. Gen. 18:25.

9. **He is Holy:** Hos. 11:9. I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee; Rev. 4:8. Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come. I. Pet. 1:15, 16. Heb. 1:12, 13.

10. **He is Faithful:** I. Cor. 10:13. God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; -- Thes. 5:24. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it. Ps. 100:5. I. Pet. 4:19. Deut. 7:9.

11. **He is Love:** I. Jn. 4:9, 10, 16. Herein was the love of God manifested in us, that God hath sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God,

but that He loved us. * * * And we know and have believed the love which God hath in us. God is love; and he that abideth in love, abideth in God, and God abideth in him. Deut. 33:12. Jn. 16:27.

12. He is Changeless but Responsive:
Mal. 3:6. I, Jehovah, change not. Jas. 1:17. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation. Ex. 22:27. * * * It shall come to pass, when he crieth unto Me, that I will hear; for I am gracious. Jer. 31:3. Jehovah appeared of old unto Me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee. II. Chr. 7:14. If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

(b) GOD, AS FATHER.

1. Revealed by Jesus Christ: Jn. 1:18. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him. Jn. 14:7, 9, 10. If ye had known Me, ye would have known My Father also: from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him. He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; * * * Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? the words that I say unto you I speak not from Myself: but the Father abiding in Me doeth His works. II. Cor. 5:19. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not reckoning unto them their trespasses, * * *

2. Father of the Regenerate: Mt. 23:9. Call no man your father on the earth: for one is your Father, even He who is in heaven. I. Pet. 1:23. Having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which liveth and abideth. Rom. 8:15. For ye received not the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father. II. Cor. 6:18. I will be to you a Father, and ye shall be to Me sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. (The wicked excluded.) Jn. 8:34, 41, 42, 44, 47. Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Every one that committeth sin is the bondservant of sin. Ye do the works of your father. They said unto Him, * * * we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love Me: for I came forth and am come from God; for neither have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father it is your will to do. * * * He that is of God heareth the words of God: for this cause ye hear them not, because ye are not of God.

3. His Will Toward Men: Ezek. 33:11. As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die * * *? II. Pet. 3:9. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness; but is longsuffering to youward, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Jer. 3:22. Return ye backsliding children, I will heal your backslidings. Ex. 34:6, 7. Jeho-

vah passed by before him, and proclaimed, Jehovah, Jehovah, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and truth; keeping lovingkindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin; and that will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the father upon the children, and upon the children's children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation. Rom. 10:12, 13. * * * The same Lord is Lord of all, and is rich unto all that call upon Him: for, Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

(c) GOD, AS SON.

1. **His Eternal Oneness With the Father:** Prov. 8:22, 23. Jehovah possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth was. Jn. 10:30. I and the Father are One. Prov. 8:24-31. Jn. 8:42. Jn. 14:9, 10.

2. **His Work as Creator:** Jn. 1:1, 2. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made through Him; and without Him was not anything made that hath been made. Heb. 1:1, 2. God, * * * hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds. Col. 1:16, 17. In Him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through Him, and unto Him; and He is be-

fore all things, and in Him all things consist. Heb. 1:10. Eph. 3:9. I. Cor. 8:6.

3. **The Promise of His Incarnation:** Isa. 7:14. * * * Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Mic. 5:2. But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, which art little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting. Deut. 18:15. Isa. 9:6. Isa. 11:1, 2. Lu. 1:30-32.

4. **His Miraculous Conception:** Lu. 1:35. And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: Wherefore also the holy thing which is begotten shall be called the Son of God. Lu. 2:10, 11. The angel said, * * * There is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. Jn. 1:14. Lu. 2:7-20.

5. **His Baptism:** Jn. 1:33. I knew him not: but He that sent me to baptize in water, He said unto me, Upon whomsoever thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and abiding upon Him, the same is He that baptizeth in the Holy Spirit. Mk. 1:9-11. And it came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in the Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon Him: and a voice came out of the heavens, Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well pleased.

6. **His Purpose in Coming:** Jn. 10:10. * * * I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly. Mt. 5:17. Think

not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfil. I. Jn. 3:8. * * * To this end was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Jn. 12:27. * * * For this cause came I unto this hour. Jn. 6:38-40. I am come down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me. And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that of all that which He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that every one that beholdeth the Son, and believeth on Him, should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

7. His Demonstration of Supernatural Gifts: Jn. 11:43, 44. * * * He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. He that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. Lu. 7:21, 22. In that hour He cured many diseases and plagues and evil spirits; and on many that were blind He bestowed sight. And he answered and said unto them, Go and tell John the things which ye have seen and heard; the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good tidings preached to them. Lu. 7:14-16.

8. His Teachings on the Law of the Kingdom: Mk. 12:30, 31. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. The second is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy-

self. There is none other commandment greater than these. Jn. 13:34. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. Mt. 7:12. All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets.

9. His Vicarious Atonement: Jn. 1:29.
* * * Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world! Isa. 53:5, 6. He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. I. Jn. 1:7. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanseth us from all sin. I. Pet. 1:18, 19. Rev. 5:9.

10. His Death and Resurrection: Lu. 23:33, 46. And when they came unto the place which is called the skull, there they crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left. And Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit: and having said this, He gave up the ghost. Mk. 16:5. And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, arrayed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he saith unto them, Be not amazed; ye seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who hath been crucified: He is risen; He is not here: behold, the place where they

laid Him! Lu. 24:6, 7. * * * Remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying that the Son of man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

11. His Appearances After His Resurrection: Mt. 28:8-10, 16-20. And they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. And behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and took hold of His feet, and worshipped Him. Then said Jesus unto them, Fear not: go tell My brethren that they depart into Galilee, and there shall they see Me. The eleven disciples went into Galilee, unto the mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. I. Cor. 15:6-8. Then He appeared to above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain until now, but some are fallen asleep; then He appeared to James; then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to the child untimely born, He appeared to me also. Acts 1:3-8.

12. His Ascension: Acts 1:9. And when He had said these things, as they were looking, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. I. Tim. 3:16. * * * Great is the mystery of godliness; He who was manifested in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, received up in glory. Lu. 24:50, 51.

13. His Presence With the Father: Heb.

9:24. Christ entered not into a holy place made with hands, like in pattern to the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear before the face of God for us. I. Pet. 3:22. Who is on the right hand of God, having gone into heaven; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto Him. Heb. 1:3. Rev. 3:21.

14. **His Mediatorial Office:** I. Tim. 2:5, 6. There is one God, one Mediator also between God and men, Himself man, Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all; the testimony to be borne in its own times; Heb. 7:25. He is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. I. Jn. 2:1. * * * If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: Heb. 4:14, 15. Having then a great high priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Heb. 10:14. By one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. Heb. 2:11. Both He that sanctifieth and they that are sanctified are all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren.

(d) **GOD, AS HOLY SPIRIT.**

1. **He Proceeds From the Father and Son:** Jn. 15:26. When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall bear wit-

ness of Me. Jn. 16:7. If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send Him unto you.

2. **He Glorifies the Son:** Jn. 16:14. He shall glorify Me: for He shall take of Mine, and shall declare it unto you. Rom. 5:5. * * * The love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us. Eph. 2:18. Through Him we both have our access in one Spirit unto the Father.

3. **His Work With the Unsaved:** Jn. 16:8-11. He, when He is come, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on Me; of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and ye behold Me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world hath been judged.

4. **He Vitalizes Believers:** Acts 1:5. John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit. * * * Jn. 3:6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Jn. 6:63. It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing. Eph. 2:1. You did He make alive, when ye were dead through your tresspasses and sins. Rom. 8:11. If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, He that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies through His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

5. **He Bears Witness:** Lu. 3:22. And the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, Thou art My beloved Son; in Thee I am well pleased. I. Jn. 5:7-10. It is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is the

truth. For there are three who bear witness, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and the three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for the witness of God is this, that He hath borne witness concerning His Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in him: he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar; because he hath not believed in the witness that God hath borne concerning His Son. Rom. 8:16. The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God:

6. **He Abides in the Regenerate:** Jn. 14:16, 17. I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it beholdeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: ye know Him; for He abideth with you, and shall be in you. I. Cor. 3:16. Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? I. Jn. 3:24. Acts. 5:32.

7. **He Guides and Teaches:** Jn. 16:13. When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He shall guide you into all the truth: for He shall not speak from Himself; but what things soever He shall hear, these shall He speak: and He shall declare unto you the things that are to come. I. Jn. 2:27. * * * The anointing which ye received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any one teach you; but as His anointing teacheth you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, ye abide in Him.

8. **He Searches the Heart:** Jer. 17:10.

I, Jehovah, search the mind, I try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings. I. Cor. 2:9-10. Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not, and which entered not into the heart of man, whatsoever things God prepared for them that love Him. But unto us God revealed them through the Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. Rom. 8:27. He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. Rev. 2:23. * * * All the churches shall know that I am He that searcheth the reins and hearts:

9. **He Endues With Power:** Acts 1:8. Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: Isa. 40:29, 31. He giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might He increaseth strength. They that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint. Eph. 3:16. That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inward man. II. Tim. 1:7. God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline.

MAN, INNOCENT, DEGENERATE, REGENERATE.

(a) MAN, INNOCENT.

1. **Created in God's Image:** Gen. 1:26. And God said, Let us make man in Our

image, after Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Gen. 5:1, 2. * * * In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made He him; male and female created He them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. Gen. 2:7. And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Job. 33:4. The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty giveth me life. Ps. 8:5, 6. A. V. Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

(b) MAN, DEGENERATE.

1. **His Temptation and Fall:** Gen. 3:1-24.
2. **His Depravity:** Gen. 6:5. And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Ps. 14:1-3. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works; there is none that doeth good. Jehovah looketh down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek after God. They are all gone aside; they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Eccl. 9:3. This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one event unto all; yea also, the heart of the sons of men is full of evil,

and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead. Jer. 17:9. Jn. 3:19. Rom. 3:10-18.

3. Death, Result of Sin: Gen. 2:17. Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. Rom. 6:23. The wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 5:12. I. Cor. 15:21, 22. Jas. 1:15.

4. His Need of a Saviour: Jer. 17:14. Heal me, O Jehovah, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise. Eccl. 7:20. Surely there is not a righteous man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. Isa. 53:6. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Rom. 3:23. All have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God. Ps. 51:5, 10. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

(c) MAN, REGENERATE.

1. Conditions of Spiritual Birth: Mt. 4:17. * * * Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Lu. 13:5. * * * Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Acts 16:31. * * * Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. Jn. 3:16. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life. Jn. 5:24. * * * He that heareth My word, and believeth Him

that sent Me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life. I. Jn. 5:4, 5. Acts 2:38. Acts 11:16. I. Cor. 12:13.

2. **His New Nature:** Ezek. 36:26, 27. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep Mine ordinances, and do them. II. Cor. 5:17, 18. If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold they are become new. But all things are of God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ. * * * I. Jn. 3:14. We know that we have passed out of death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not abideth in death. I. Jn. 5:11, 12. And the witness is this, that God gave unto us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath the life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not the life. Rom. 6:22. But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end eternal life. Gal. 5:22-24. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control; against such there is no law. And they that are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts thereof.

3. **Confessing Christ:** Rom. 10:9, 10. If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: for with the heart man believeth

unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Mt. 10:32. Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven. I. Jn. 4:2. Mt. 7:21.

4. **The Law of Growth:** Lu. 9:23. And He said unto all, If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. Rom. 6:11. Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus. Eph. 6:13. Take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. Gal. 5:16, 17. * * * Walk by the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are contrary the one to the other; that ye may not do the things that ye would.

5. **The Way of Attainment:** Eph. 2:8, 9. By grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory. II. Cor. 12:9. * * * My grace is sufficient for thee: for my power is made perfect in weakness. II. Cor. 9:8. God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye, having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound unto every good work. Gal. 3:11. That no man is justified by the law before God, is evident: for, The righteous shall live by faith; and the law is not of faith; but, He that doeth them shall live in them. I. Jn. 5:4. Whatsoever is begotten of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith. Rev. 3:10. Be-

cause thou didst keep the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Phil. 4:13. Gal. 2:20. Tit. 3:5, 6. Jude 24. II. Tim. 1:12.

6. **Restoration to the Divine Image:** Mt. 5:48. A. V. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. I. Jn. 5:18. We know that whosoever is begotten of God sinneth not; but he that was begotten of God keepeth himself, and the evil one toucheth him not. Jn. 17:23. I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and lovedst them even as Thou lovedst Me. Lev. 19:2. I. Cor. 15:49. Rom. 12:1. I. Thes. 5:23. I. Thes. 3:13. I. Thes. 4:3-7. Col. 1:22. I. Pet. 5:10.

SATAN, SIN, DEATH, HELL.

(a) SATAN.

1. **His Origin:** Rev. 12:7-9. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels going forth to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels; and they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him. Lu. 10:18. And He said unto them, I beheld Satan fallen as lightning from heaven.

2. **His Nature:** Jn. 8:44. He was a murderer from the beginning, and standeth not

in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father thereof. I. Jn. 3:8. He that doeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. I. Pet. 5:8. Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. II. Cor. 11:14, 15. * * * Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light. It is no great thing therefore, if his ministers also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness.

3. **His Personality:** Job 1:6, 7. It came to pass on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, that Satan also came among them. And Jehovah said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered Jehovah, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. Lu. 22:31. * * * Simon, behold, Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat.

4. **Prince of This World:** Lu. 4:6. The devil said unto Him, To Thee will I give all this authority, and the glory of them: for it hath been delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. Job 9:24. The earth is given into the hand of the wicked; he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if it be not he, who then is it? Rev. 13:7. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them; and there was given to him authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. I. Jn. 5:19. We know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in the evil one. Eph. 2:2, 3. Ye once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince

of the powers of the air, of the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience; among whom we also once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. Eph. 6:12. Our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Mt. 12:26.

5. **He Is Subject to Christ:** Mt. 4:10, 11. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth Him; and behold, angels came and ministered unto Him. Lu. 4:34-36, 40, 41. Ah! what have we to do with Thee, Jesus Thou Nazarene? art Thou come to destroy us? I know Thee who Thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst, he came out of him, having done him no hurt. And amazement came upon all, and they spake together, one with another, saying, What is this word? for with authority and power He commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out. And when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto Him: and He laid His hands on every one of them, and healed them. And demons also came out from many, crying out, and saying, Thou art the Son of God. And rebuking them, He suffered them not to speak, because they knew that He was the Christ.

6. **His Deceptions:** Gen. 3:4, 5. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil. II. Cor. 4:3, 4. If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that perish: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, * * * should not dawn upon them. Jn. 13:2. * * * The devil, having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him: Lu. 13:16. Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan had bound, lo, these eighteen years, to have been loosed from this bond on the day of the sabbath? Mt. 10:28. Be not afraid of them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. II. Tim. 2:26. Gen. 3:17, 18.

7. **Limitations, Imprisonment, Destruction:** Rev. 12:12. * * * Woe for the earth and for the sea: because the devil is gone down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time. Rev. 20:1-3. I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon. the old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and cast him into the abyss, and shut it, and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished: after this he must be loosed for a little time. Mt. 25:41. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me ye cursed,

into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels. Rev. 20:10. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

(b) SIN.

1. **Origin and Nature:** I. Jn. 3:4. A. V. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. Mt. 15:19. Out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, railings. Jn. 8:44. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father it is your will to do.

2. **It Defiles:** Isa. 64:6. For we are all become as one that is unclean and all our righteousnesses are as a polluted garment. Isa. 6:5. * * * Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips. Gal. 5:19-21. The works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, parties, envyings, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of which I forewarn you, even as I did forewarn you, that they who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

3. **Its Prevalence:** Rom. 3:10-23. It is written, There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God; they have all turned aside, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good,

no, not so much as one; their throat is an open supulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: their feet are swift to shed blood; destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace have they not known; there is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it speaketh to them that are under the law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may be brought under the judgment of God: because by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified in His sight; for through the law cometh the knowledge of sin. * * * For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; I. Jn. 1:8. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

4. **Its Effects:** Ezek. 18:4. * * * The soul that sinneth, it shall die. Rom. 7:23. I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity under the law of sin which is in my members. I. Cor. 6:9. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? * * * Rev. 21:27. There shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean, or he that maketh an abomination and a lie. * * * Isa. 59:2. Mt. 7:22, 23.

(c) DEATH.

1. **Origin and Extent:** Jas. 1:15. Lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is fullgrown, bringeth forth death. Rom. 5:12, 13, 14. Therefore, as through one man sin entered into the world,

and death through sin; and so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned:—for until the law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's transgression. * * *.

2. **Its End:** I. Cor. 15:26. The last enemy that shall be abolished is death. Heb. 2:14. Since then the children are sharers in flesh and blood. He also Himself in like manner partook of the same; that through death He might bring to nought him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. Rev. 1:17, 18. * * * I am the first and the last, and the Living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. Rev. 21:4. * * * Death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away.

(d) HELL.

1. **Future of the Wicked:** Ps. 9:17. The wicked shall be turned back unto Sheol, even all the nations that forget God. Mt. 13:41, 42. The Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and them that do iniquity, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be weeping and the gnashing of teeth. Mt. 25:41, 46. Then shall He say unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels: And these shall go away into eternal punishment: but the

righteous into eternal life. Jude 6. And angels that kept not their own principality, but left their proper habitation, He hath kept in everlasting bonds under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Rev. 14:9, 10, 11. * * * If any man worshipeth the beast and his image, and receiveth a mark on his forehead, or upon his hand, he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment goeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, they that worship the beast and his image, and whoso receiveth the mark of his name. Rev. 21:8. But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.

REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT, FORGIVENESS, REGENERATION.

(a) REDEMPTION.

1. **Promise and Prophecy:** Gen. 3:15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Gen. 12:3. I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Job 19:25, 26. * * * I know that my Redeemer

liveth, and at last he will stand upon the earth: and after my skin, even this body, is destroyed, then without my flesh shall I see God. Isa. 59:20. A Redeemer will come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith Jehovah. Mal. 4:2. Unto you that fear My name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its wings * * *. Mt. 1:21. She shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is He that shall save His people from their sins.

2. **Fulfillment:** Gal. 4:4, 5. But when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, that He might redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Lu. 2:10, 11. And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. Acts 4:12. And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved. Tit. 2:13, 14. Looking for the blessed hope and appearance of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a people for His own possession, zealous of good works. Col. 1:14. In Whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins. Rev. 5:9, 10. And they sing a new song, saying, Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase unto God

with Thy blood men of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, and madest them to be unto our God a kingdom and priests, and they reign upon the earth. Rom. 3:24, 25. Lu. 2:27-38. Lu. 1:68.

(b) ATONEMENT.

1. **Ancient Sacrificial Offerings:** Lev. 9:7. Moses said unto Aaron, Draw near unto the altar, and offer thy sin-offering, and thy burnt-offering, and make atonement for thyself, and for the people; and offer the oblation of the people, and make atonement for them; as Jehovah commanded. Lev. 16:34. And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make atonement for the children of Israel because of all their sins once in the year * * *. Lev. 19:22. And the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering before Jehovah for his sin which he hath sinned; and the sin which he hath sinned shall be forgiven him. Lev. 17:11. For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh atonement by reason of the life. Heb. 9:22. And according to the law, * * * all things are cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission.

2. **Christ's Sacrifice:** Ps. 40:6-8. Sacrifice and offering Thou hast no delight in; mine ears hast Thou opened: burnt-offerings and sin-offerings hast Thou not required. Then said I, Lo, I am come; in the roll of the book it is written of Me: I delight to do Thy will, O My God; Yea, Thy law is within My heart. Isa. 53:4-6. Surely

He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Jn. 1:29. Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world! Jn. 15:13. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Jn. 12:24, 32. Verily, I say unto you, Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die, it beareth much fruit. I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Myself.

3. Vicarious Atonement Fulfilled: Mt. 26:28. This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many unto remission of sins. I. Jn. 1:7. * * * The blood of Jesus His Son cleanseth us from all sin. Rom. 5:9. Being now justified by His blood, shall we be saved from the wrath of God through Him. Heb. 10:10, 19, 20. By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by the way which He dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; I. Pet. 1:18-20. Knowing that ye were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers; but with precious blood, as of a lamb without

blemish and without spot, even the blood of Christ.

(c) FORGIVENESS.

1. **Under Law:** Isa. 55:7. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Jehovah, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. Ex. 34:6, 7. And Jehovah passed by before him, and proclaimed, Jehovah, Jehovah, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and truth; keeping lovingkindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgressions and sin. Lev. 4:13, 14, 20, 27, 28, 31. If the whole congregation of Israel err, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done any of the things which Jehovah hath commanded not to be done, and are guilty; when the sin wherein they have sinned is known, then the assembly shall offer a young bullock for a sin-offering, and bring it before the tent of meeting. * * * And the priest shall make atonement for them, and they shall be forgiven. And if any one of the common people sin unwittingly, in doing any of the things which Jehovah hath commanded not to be done, and be guilty; if his sin, which he hath sinned, be made known to him, then he shall bring for his oblation a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned. * * * And the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be forgiven. Isa. 44:22. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins; return unto Me; for I have redeemed thee.

2. **Under Grace:** Rom. 10:4. Christ is the end of the law unto righteousness to every one that believeth. I. Jn. 1:9. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I. Jn. 3:5. And we know that He was manifested to take away sins; and in Him is no sin. Jn. 5:24. I say unto you, he that heareth My word, and believeth Him that sent Me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life. Mt. 9:2. Acts 26:16-18.

3. **To Whom Granted:** Mt. 5:7. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Mt. 6:14, 15. If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Mk. 3:28, 29. Verily I say unto you, All their sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and their blasphemies wherewithsoever they shall blaspheme: but whosoever shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit hath never forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin. Eph. 4:32. Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you. Lu. 17:3. * * * If thy brother sin, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. Mt. 18:21, 22. Then came Peter, and said to Him, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? until seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, Until seventy times seven.

(d) **REGENERATION.**

1. **Promise and Fulfillment:** Ezek. 36:

22-27. * * * I do not this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name, which ye have profaned among the nations, whither ye went. And I will sanctify My great name, which hath been profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I am Jehovah, saith the Lord Jehovah, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land. And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep Mine ordinances, and do them. Rom. 6:22. But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end eternal life. I. Pet. 1:23. Having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the Word of God, which liveth and abideth.

2. **Born of Water and the Spirit:** Jn. 3:5-7. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born anew. Acts 2:38. Peter said unto them, Repent ye and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ

unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Rom. 6:3, 4. Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. I. Cor. 6:11. * * * But ye were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God. Eph. 2:1. You did He make alive, when ye were dead through your trespasses and sins. I. Jn. 5:1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God: and whosoever loveth Him that begat loveth Him also that is begotten of Him.

JUSTIFICATION, GRACE, FAITH, PRAYER, WORKS.

(a) JUSTIFICATION.

1. **By Grace:** Rom. 3:24. Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Tit. 3:7. That, being justified by His grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

2. **By Faith:** Hab. 2:4. But the righteous shall live by his faith. Acts 13:39. By Him everyone that believeth is justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Gal. 2:16. Yet knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we believed on Christ

Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law: because by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. Rom. 5:1. Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; Rom. 3:28. We reckon therefore that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

(b) GRACE.

1. **Its Source:** Rev. 22:1. He showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. Jn. 4:10. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldst have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water. I. Cor. 1:4. I thank my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus. Jn. 1:17. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Jn. 4:14.

2. **How Obtained:** Heb. 4:16. Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need. Phil. 1:2. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Jn. 1:16. For of His fulness we all received, and grace upon grace. Jas. 4:6. God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. Zech. 12:10. Acts 4:33.

3. **Growth in Grace:** I. Pet. 2:1, 2. Putting away therefore all wickedness, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, long for

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the spiritual milk which is without guile, that we may grow thereby unto salvation; II. Pet. 3:18. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. I. Thes. 3:12, 13. The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we also do toward you; to the end He may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. Phil. 1:6. He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ. Phil. 1:7, 8.

4. **Sufficient for Every Need.** II. Cor. 12:9. * * * My grace is sufficient for thee. II. Cor. 9:8. God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye, having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound unto every good work. Eph. 3:16. * * * That ye may be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inward man. Phil. 4:13. I can do all things in Him that strengtheneth me.

(c) FAITH.

1. **Its Nature and Source:** Heb. 12:2. * * * Looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith. * * * Heb. 11:1. Now faith is the assurance (marginal, giving substance to) of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen. I. Cor. 12:8, 9. For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom; and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit; to another faith, in the same Spirit; II. Pet. 1:1. A servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained a like

precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and the Saviour Jesus Christ; Lu. 17:5. And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

2. **Its Power and Achievements:** Mt. 15:28. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith; be it done unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was healed from that hour. Mk. 9:23. * * * All things are possible to him that believeth. Lu. 17:6. * * * If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye would say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou rooted up, and be thou planted in the sea; and it would obey you. Jn. 11:40. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou believest, thou shouldst see the glory of God? I. Cor. 2:5. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Eph. 6:16. Withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. I. Jn. 5:4, 5. * * * This is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith. Jn. 20:29. Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

3. **Faithfulness:** Lu. 16:10, 11. He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he that is unrighteous in a very little is unrighteous also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? Mt. 26:41. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Lu. 9:62. * * * No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back,

is fit for the kingdom of God. Jn. 8:31.
* * * If ye abide in My word, then are ye truly My disciples; Mt. 24:13. He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved. Rev. 2:10. Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee the crown of life. I. Cor. 15:58. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord.

4. **Personal Integrity:** Mt. 5:8. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Ps. 24:3, 4. Who shall ascend into the hill of Jehovah? And who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto falsehood, and hath not sworn deceitfully. I. Tim. 5:22. Keep thyself pure. Mt. 5:28. * * * Every one that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. Prov. 12:22. Lying lips are an abomination to Jehovah; but they that deal truly are His delight. Phil. 4:8. Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Isa. 33:15, 16. He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from taking a bribe, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from looking upon evil: he shall dwell on high; his place of defence shall be the

munitions of rocks; his bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.

(d) PRAYER.

1. **Enjoined:** Lu. 18:1. He spake a parable unto them to the end that they ought always to pray, and not to faint; I. Thes. 5:17-19. Pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward. Quench not the Spirit; Col. 4:2. Continue steadfastly in prayer, watching therein with thanksgiving.

2. **Praise and Thanksgiving:** Ps. 50:23. Whoso offereth the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifieth Me: Ps. 92:1, 2. It is a good thing to give thanks unto Jehovah, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High; to show forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night. Ps. 70:4. Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee; and let such as love Thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified. Heb. 13:15. Through Him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to His name.

3. **Petition:** Mt. 7:7, 8. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Phil. 4:6. In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Heb. 4:16. Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may

receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need.

4. **Confession:** Ps. 51:3, 4. I know my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Thy sight; Mt. 5:23, 24. If therefore thou art offering thy gift at the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. I. Jn. 1:9. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

5. **Intercession:** I. Tim. 2:1-4. I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men; for kings and all that are in high places; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth. Jas. 5:15, 16. The prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him. Jas. 5:16. * * * The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working. Eph. 6:18. Rev. 8:3, 4.

6. **How to Pray:** Jn. 4:24. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. Mk. 11:25. Whosoever ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any one; that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. Jn. 15:7. If ye abide

in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you. I. Jn. 5:14, 15. This is the boldness which we have toward Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He heareth us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of Him. Jn. 14:13. Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. Mk. 11:24. Therefore I say unto you, All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mt. 18:19, 20. If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that ye shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them. Mt. 6:6, 7. Thou, when thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber, and having shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret, and thy Father who seeth in secret shall recompense thee. And in praying use not vain repetitions, as the Gentiles do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Rom. 8:26, 27. The Spirit also helpeth our infirmity: for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered; and He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for us according to the will of God. Lu. 18:10-14.

7. Answered Prayers: Ps. 138:3. A. V. In the day when I cried Thou answeredst Me, and strengthenedst me with strength

in my soul. Ps. 30:2. O Jehovah my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed me. Ps. 34:4, 6. I sought Jehovah, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. This poor man cried, and Jehovah heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. Mk. 1:40, 42. There cometh to Him a leper, beseeching Him, and kneeling down to Him, and saying unto Him, If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. And straightway the leprosy departed from him, and he was made clean. Lu. 23:42, 43. And he said, Jesus, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. And He said unto him, Verily, I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise. Jas. 5:17, 18. Elijah was a man of like passions with us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth for three years and six months; and he prayed again; and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. Acts 10:30, 31. And Cornelius said, Four days ago, until this hour, I was keeping the ninth hour of prayer in my house; and behold, a man stood before me in bright apparel, and saith, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. Acts 4:31. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken wherein they were gathered together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

(e) WORKS.

1. **Christ Our Example:** Jn. 4:34. Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Lu. 4:43. * * * I must preach

the good tidings of the kingdom of God to the other cities also: for therefore was I sent. Mt. 4:23. And Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people. Jn. 17:4. I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given me to do. I. Pet. 2:21. For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow His steps.

2. Works Do Not Save: Rom. 3:20. By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified in His sight; Eph. 2:8, 9. By grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory. II. Tim. 1:9. Who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before times eternal.

3. A Means of Grace: Jn. 15:8. Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be My disciples. Phil. 2:12, 13. As ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for His good pleasure. Jas. 2:17. Faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself. Jas. 1:22, 25, 26, 27. Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves. He that looketh into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and so continueth, being not a hearer that forgetteth but a

doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing. If any man thinketh himself to be religious, while he bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth his heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. Mt. 5:16. A. V. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Jas. 3:13, 17. Who is wise and understanding among you? let him show by his good life his works in meekness of wisdom. The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without variance, without hypocrisy. Lu. 10:30-37.

4. **Work Enjoined:** Mk. 16:15, 16. And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned. Mt. 9:37, 38. * * * The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest. Jn. 4:36. He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal * * *; Jn. 6:27. Work not for the food which perisheth, but for the food which abideth unto eternal life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him the Father, even God, hath sealed. Mt. 25:14-30.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

(a) ITS NATURE.

1. **Primarily Spiritual:** Jn. 18:36. Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is My kingdom not from hence. Lu. 17:20, 21.

* * * The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, There! for lo, the kingdom of God is within (Marg. "in the midst of") you. Rom. 14:17. The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Jn. 6:15. II. Cor. 10:4, 5. See parables Mt. 13.

2. **Extent and Duration:** Ps. 72:8, 11. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the River unto the ends of the earth. Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. Isa. 11:9. * * * The earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah as the waters cover the sea. Dan. 2:44. In the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Heb. 8:11. Isa. 9:6, 7. Mt. 8:11. Rev. 11:15.

(b) ITS CONSTITUENCY.

1. **The Angelic Hosts:** Mt. 13:41. The Son of man shall send forth His angels and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and them that do iniquity. Mt. 25:31. When the Son of

man shall come in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then shall He sit on the throne of His glory. Heb. 12:22-24. Ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable hosts of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better than that of Abel. Rev. 21.

2. **Spirit-Born Souls:** Jn. 1:12, 13. As many as received Him, to them gave He the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. Jn. 14:1-3. Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. Mt. 7:21. Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father who is in heaven. Mt. 12:50. Whosoever shall do the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother, and sister, and mother. Lu. 13:29. And they shall come from the east and west, and from the north and south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. Rev. 7:9-10. After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every

nation and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands: and they cry with a great voice, saying, Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb.

(c) CHRIST ITS LIFE.

1. **Vital Relationship:** Jn. 15:4-6. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from Me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. Jn. 14:20, 21, 23. In that day ye shall know that I am in the Father, and ye in Me, and I in you. He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself unto him. * * * If a man love Me, he will keep My word: and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. Jn. 17:23. I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and lovedst them, even as Thou lovedst Me. I. Jn. 4:16. And we know and have believed the love which God hath in us. God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him. Gal. 2:20. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is

no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself up for me. Rom. 8:9. But ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you. But if any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. I. Cor. 6:19, 20. Know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body.

2. **Sustained by Grace:** Eph. 2:4-8. God, being rich in mercy, * * * even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace have ye been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us to sit with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus; for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; II. Pet. 1:2, 3. Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that called us by His own glory and virtue; I. Cor. 15:10. By the grace of God I am what I am: and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not found vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. I. Tim. 1:14. The grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love

which is in Christ Jesus. I. Cor. 1:4, 5. I thank my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus; that in everything ye were enriched in Him, in all utterance and all knowledge.

(d) ITS LAWS AND PRECEPTS.

1. **Love the Motive:** Jn. 13:34, 35. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another. Mt. 19:19. * * * Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Rom. 13:8. Owe no man anything, save to love one another: for he that loveth his neighbor hath fulfilled the law. Col. 3:12-15. Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving each other, if any man have a complaint against any; even as the Lord forgave you, so also do ye; and above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body; and be ye thankful. I. Jn. 3:14-18. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren, He that loveth not abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby know we love, because He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need

and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and truth. I. Cor. 13. Rom. 12:19-21. Col. 3. Col. 4:1-6.

2. **Rule of Action:** Lu. 6:31, 35. As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. Love your enemies, and do them good, and lend, never despairing; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be sons of the Most High: for He is kind toward the unthankful and evil. I. Cor. 16:14. Let all that ye do be done in love. Mt. 5:42-45. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy: but I say unto you, Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you; that ye may be sons of your Father who is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust. Lu. 10:30-37.

(e. **THE DIVINE ORDER.**

1. **The Law of Social Harmony:** Mt. 20: 25-28. Jesus called them unto Him, and said, Ye know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Not so shall it be among you: but whosoever would become great among you shall be your minister; and whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many. Rom. 12:17-21. Render to no

man evil for evil. Take thought for things honorable in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as in you lieth, be at peace with all men. Avenge not yourselves, beloved, but give place unto the wrath of God; for it is written, Vengeance belongeth unto Me; I will recompense, saith the Lord. But if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him to drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. I. Pet. 3:8, 9. Finally, be ye all likeminded, compassionate, loving as brethren, tenderhearted, humbleminded: not rendering evil for evil, or reviling for reviling; but contrariwise blessing; for hereunto were ye called, that ye should inherit a blessing. Mt. 18:15-17. If thy brother sin against thee, go, show him his fault between thee and him alone: if he hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he hear thee not, take with thee one or two more, that at the mouth of two witnesses or three every word may be established. And if he refuse to hear them, tell it unto the church: and if he refuse to hear the church also, let him be unto thee as the Gentile and the publican. Ps. 15.

• 2. **The Law of Special Blessings:** Ps. 37:3. A. V. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Mal. 3:10. Bring ye the whole tithe into the store-house, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Prov. 19:17. He that hath pity upon the poor

lendeth unto Jehovah, and his good deed will He pay him again. Lu. 12:29-31. Seek ye not what ye shall eat, and what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: but your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. Yet seek ye His kingdom, and these things shall be added unto you. Mt. 7:11. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?

3. Complete Redemption and Restoration: Isa. 35:1. The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. Isa. 55:12, 13. Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing; and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir-tree; and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle-tree: and it shall be to Jehovah for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. Isa. 11:6-9. And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain; for the earth shall be full

of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea.

THE COMING OF THE KING.

(a) HIS COMING.

1. **Promise and Prophecy:** Acts 1:11. Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye looking into heaven? this Jesus, who was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld Him going into heaven. Mt. 24:27, 30. As the lightening cometh forth from the east, and is seen even unto the west; so shall be the coming of the Son of man. Then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Rev. 1:7. Every eye shall see Him, and they that pierced Him; Mk. 13:27. Then shall He send forth the angels, and shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven. Jude 14, 15. Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, Behold, the Lord came with ten thousand of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all and to convict all the ungodly of all their works of ungodliness, * * * and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him. Rev. 14:14, 16. And I saw, and behold, a white cloud; and on the cloud I saw one sitting like unto a son of man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And He that sat upon

the cloud cast His sickle upon the earth; and the earth was reaped. Lu. 9:26. Whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and My words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in His own glory, and the glory of the Father, and of the holy angels.

2. **Time Determined by Conditions:** Mt. 24:35, 36. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only. Acts 1:7. It is not for you to know times or seasons, which the Father hath set within His own authority. Mt. 24:14, 42. This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come. Watch therefore: for ye know not on what day your Lord cometh. Lu. 21:36. Watch ye at every season, making supplication, that ye may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

3. **Preparation for His Return:** I. Jn. 2:28. A. V. Now, little children, abide in Him; that when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. Tit. 2:11-14. The grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world; looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto

Himself a people for His own possession, zealous of good works. II. Tim. 4:8. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved His appearing. I. Tim. 6:13, 14. I charge thee in the sight of God, who giveth life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, * * * that thou keep the commandment, without spot, without reproach, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. I. Pet. 1:7, 13. That the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold that perisheth though it is proved by fire, may be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; Wherefore girding up the loins of your mind, be sober and set your hope perfectly on the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; Heb. 9:28. II. Pet. 3:11-13.

4. **Praise and Honor at His Coming:** Rev. 19:5-7. And a voice came forth from the throne, saying, Give praise to our God, all ye His servants, ye that fear Him, the small and the great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Hallelujah: for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigneth. Let us rejoice and be exceeding glad, and let us give the glory unto Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. Rev. 15:2-4. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that come off victorious from the beast, and from his image, and from the number of his name, standing by the sea

of glass, having harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are Thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are Thy ways, Thou King of the ages. Who shall not fear, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? for Thou only art holy; for all the nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy righteous acts have been made manifest. Rev. 4:11. Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power: for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they were, and were created.

(b) HIS REIGN ESTABLISHED.

1. **Conditions at His Coming:** Mt. 24: 37-39, 21. And as were the days of Noah, so shall be the coming of the Son of man. For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and they knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall be the coming of the Son of man. Then shall be great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be. II. Thes. 2:3, 4, 6, 9, 10. * * * It will not be, except the falling away come first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, he that opposeth and exalteth himself against all that is called God or that is worshipped; so that he sitteth in the temple of God, setting himself forth as God. Now ye know that which restraineth, to the end that he may be revealed in his own season. Even he, whose coming is

according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. Mt. 24:24. There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. II. Tim. 3:1-5. Know this, that in the last days grievous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, railers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, no lovers of good, traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof; from these also turn away.

2. **The Resurrection of Life:** Mt. 22:31, 32, 29. As touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. * * * Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. Lu. 20:34-36. * * * The sons of this world marry, and are given in marriage: but they that are accounted worthy to attain to that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: for neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. Jn. 5:28, 29. * * * The hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear His voice, and shall come

forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment. Jn. 6:40. For this is the will of My Father, that every one that beholdeth the Son, and believeth on Him, should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. Jn. 11:25, 26. I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth on Me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on Me shall never die. I. Thes. 4:14-17. If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this I say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. I. Cor. 6:14. God both raised the Lord, and will raise us up through His power. I. Cor. 15:51, 52. We all shall not sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. Phil. 3:20, 21. * * * We wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of His glory, according to the working

whereby He is able to subject all things unto Himself.

3. The First Judgment: Mt. 25:31, 46. When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then shall He sit on the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all the nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as the shepherd separateth the sheep from the goats; and He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry, and ye gave Me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took Me in; naked, and ye clothed Me. I was sick, and ye visited Me; I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee hungry, and fed Thee? or athirst, and gave Thee drink? And when saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and clothed Thee? And when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these My brethren, even these least, ye did it unto Me. Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and ye did not give Me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me no drink; I was a stranger, and ye took Me not in; naked, and ye clothed Me not; sick, and in

prison, and ye visited Me not. Then shall they also answer, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee hungry, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto Thee? Then shall He answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of these least, ye did it not unto Me. And these shall go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into eternal life. Jn. 5:24.

* * * He that heareth My word, and believeth Him that sent Me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life.

4. **Personal Accountability:** II. Cor. 5: 10. For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Rom. 2:5, 6. But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up for thyself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; who will render to every man according to his works. Mt. 16:27. The Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then shall He render unto every man according to his deeds. Mt. 12:36. I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. Rev. 22:12. Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to render to each man according as his work is. Rom. 14:10.

5. **The Age of Peace:** Isa. 24:23. * * * Jehovah of hosts will reign in mount Zion, and in Jeruselah; and before His elders shall be glory. Ps. 72:8, 11. He shall have

dominion also from sea to sea, and from the River unto the ends of the earth. Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. Zech. 14:9. And Jehovah shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall Jehovah be one, and His name one. Rev. 20:1-4, 6. I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and cast him into the abyss, and shut it, and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished: after this he must be loosed for a little time. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as worshipped not the beast, neither his image, and received not the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived, and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: over these the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. Rev. 11:15. And the seventh angel sounded; and there followed great voices in heaven, and they said, The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ: and He shall reign for ever and ever.

(c) THE LAST JUDGMENT.

1. Satan Released: Rev. 20:7, 8. And

when the thousand years are finished, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall come forth to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to the war: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

2. The Final Separation: Mt. 3:12. * * * He will gather His wheat into the garner, but the chaff He will burn up with unquenchable fire. Jn. 5:28, 29. * * * The hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment. Rev. 19:11-16, 19-21. I saw the heaven open; and behold, a white horse, and He that sat thereon called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many diadems; and He hath a name written which no one knoweth but He himself. And He is arrayed in a garment sprinkled with blood: and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and pure. And out of His mouth proceedeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of God, the Almighty. And He hath on His garment and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

3. The Resurrection of Death: Rev. 20:11-13, 15. I saw a great white throne,

and Him that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, the great and small, standing before the throne; and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it; and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And if any was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 6:15-17. And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the chief captains, and the rich, and the strong, and every bondman and freeman, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of their wrath is come; and who is able to stand? Rev. 19:19, 20.

4. **Death and Satan Destroyed:** I. Cor. 15:26. The last enemy that shall be abolished is death. Rev. 20:10. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

(d) **THE KINGDOM DELIVERED UP TO THE FATHER.**

I. Cor. 15:24, 25, 28. Then cometh the end, when He shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have

abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign, till He hath put all His enemies under His feet. And when all things have been subjected unto Him, then shall the Son also Himself be subjected to Him that did subject all things unto Him, that God may be all in all. Rev. 21:1-6. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea is no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His peoples, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God: and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away. And He that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He saith, Write: for these words are faithful and true. And He said unto me, They are come to pass. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

III.

SELECTED READINGS

[Many co-ordinate texts are omitted in these readings because used in preceding studies.]

COMMANDMENTS.

1. **Decalogue:** Ex. 20:3-16. A. V. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh

day; wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

2. **By Jesus Christ:** Jn. 13:34. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another.

Mt. 22:37. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Mt. 22:39. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Jn. 14:12, 13, 14. This is My commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends, if ye do the things that I command you.

Lu. 6:31. As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

Mt. 5:44. Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you.

Mt. 6:1. Take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men, to be seen of them.

Mt. 5:42. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Lu. 6:37. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged. Condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned.

Lu. 17:3. * * * If thy brother sin, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

Lu. 6:36. Be ye merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Mt. 5:34, 37. * * * Swear not at all. * * * Let your speech be yea, yea; nay, nay; and whatsoever is more than these is of the evil one.

Lu. 9:23. * * * If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

Mt. 6:20. Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

Lu. 6:38. Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over.

Mk. 16:15. Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation.

GOD'S RESPONSE TO PRAYER.

Prov. 15:29. Jehovah heareth the prayer of the righteous.

Isa. 65:24. It shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Jer. 33:2, 3. Thus saith Jehovah that doeth it. * * * Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and will show thee great things, and difficult, which thou knowest not.

Joel 2:32. * * * Whosoever shall call on the name of Jehovah shall be delivered.

Ex. 22:27. * * * It shall come to pass, when he crieth unto Me, that I will hear; for I am gracious.

Deut. 4:29. * * * Ye shall seek Jehovah

thy God, and thou shalt find Him, when thou searchest after Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Ps. 34:15. The eyes of Jehovah are toward the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry.

II. Chr. 7:14. If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Ps. 145:18. Jehovah is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

Prov. 15:8. The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to Jehovah; but the prayer of the upright is His delight.

Mt. 21:22. All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Jn. 14:13. Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

I. Jn. 3:22. Whatsoever we ask we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.

Lu. 11:13. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?

HEALING.

Ex. 15:20. * * * I am Jehovah that healeth thee.

Ps. 107:20. He sendeth His word, and healeth thee.

Ps. 103:3, 4. Who forgiveth all thine in-

iquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction;

Isa. 53:3, 4. He was despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief: (Heb. sickness). * * * He hath borne our griefs, (Heb. sicknesses) and carried our sorrows.

Mt. 9:35. Jesus went about all the cities and the villages, teaching * * * and preaching * * * and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness.

Lu. 9:1, 2, 6. He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. And He sent them forth to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. And they * * * went * * * throughout the villages, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere.

Mk. 16:17. These signs shall accompany them that believe: in My name shall they cast out demons; * * * they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Jn. 14:12. * * * He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father.

Jas. 5:14, 15. A. V. Is any among you sick? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Mk. 9:23. * * * All things are possible to him that believeth.

Mt. 9:29. * * * According to your faith be it done unto you.

TEMPORAL BLESSINGS.

Ps. 84:11. Jehovah is a sun and shield; Jehovah will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Isa. 41:17. The poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst: I Jehovah will answer them.

Ps. 37:3. A. V. Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Ps. 34:10. The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; but they that seek Jehovah shall not want any good thing.

Phil. 4:19. My God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Dan. 6:23. * * * Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he had trusted in his God.

Isa. 1:19. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the fruit of the land.

Mal. 3:10-12. Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now herewith, saith Jehovah of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS.

Mt. 5:3. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Ps. 41:1. Blessed is he that considereth the poor: Jehovah will deliver him in the day of evil.

Mt. 5:6. Blessed are they that hunger and

thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Mt. 5:8. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Mt. 5:9. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the sons of God.

Ps. 92:12. The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Ps. 55:22. He will never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Mal. 4:3. Unto you that fear My name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its wings.

I. Cor. 2:9. A. V. * * * Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.

Rev. 3:20. Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.

Mt. 28:20. * * * Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Isa. 44:3. * * * I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed, and My blessing upon thine offspring.

Ps. 91:1. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Isa. 40:31. They that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Rev. 2:7. To him that overcometh, will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.

Rev. 3:5. He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments; and I will in

no wise blot his name out of the book of life and I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.

Rev. 3:12. He that overcometh, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out thence no more: and I will write upon him the name of My God, the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God, and Mine own new name.

Mt. 25:21. * * * Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

TEACHING AND GUIDANCE.

Isa. 48:17. Thus saith Jehovah, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am Jehovah thy God, who teacheth thee to profit, who leadeth thee by the way thou shouldst go.

Eccl. 2:26. To the man that pleaseth Him, God giveth wisdom, and knowledge and joy.

Jas. 1:5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Jer. 31:33. * * * I will put My law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Ps. 32:8. I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will counsel thee with Mine eye upon thee.

Ps. 119:130. A. V. The entrance of Thy words giveth light.

Job 32:8. There is a spirit in man, and

the breath of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Jn. 16:13. * * * When He, the Spirit of truth is come, He shall guide you into all the truth.

Jn. 8:31, 32. If ye abide in My word, then are ye truly My disciples; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Jn. 7:17. If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching whether it is of God, or whether I speak from Myself.

Isa. 30:21. Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it.

Prov. 3:6. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths.

Ps. 37:23. A man's goings are established of Jehovah; and he delighteth in His way.

Isa. 58:11. Jehovah will guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in dry places, and make strong thy bones.

Isa. 42:16. I will bring the blind by a way they know not; in paths that they know not will I lead them; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight.

Jn. 10:3, 4. * * * He calleth His own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. When He hath put forth all His own, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him: for they know His voice.

COMFORT IN AFFLICTION.

Jn. 14:1, 18, 27. Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in Me. * * * I will not leave you deso-

late: I come unto you. * * * Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you. * * * Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

Jn. 16:22. Ye therefore now have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one taketh away from you.

Mt. 11:28. Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Isa. 51:12. I, even I, am He that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou art afraid of man that shall die?

Isa. 43:2. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Ps. 138:7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt revive me; * * * Thy right hand will save me.

Ps. 23:4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

I. Pet. 5:7. Casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He careth for you.

II. Pet. 2:9. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation.

Mt. 5:10. Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

I. Cor. 10:13. * * * God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also a way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it.

Jas. 1:12. Blessed is the man that endures temptation; for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to them that love Him.

Ps. 46:1. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Ps. 50:15. Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.

Ps. 27:5. In the day of trouble He will keep me secretly in His pavilion.

Ps. 55:22. Cast thy burden on Jehovah, and He will sustain thee.

Jer. 15:20. I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith Jehovah.

Rev. 3:10. Because thou didst keep the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Rev. 2:10. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

LIFE AND IMMORTALITY.

Jn. 11:25. I am the resurrection and the life.

Jn. 10:27, 28. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.

Jn. 17:3. This is life eternal, that they should know Thee the only true God, and Him whom Thou didst send, even Jesus Christ.

Jn. 10:10. * * * I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.

Jn. 6:47. * * * He that believeth hath eternal life.

Jn. 5:25. * * * The hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live.

Jn. 14:19. * * * Because I live, ye shall live also.

Jn. 6:48. I am the bread of life.

I. Jn. 5:12. He that hath the Son hath the life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not the life.

Col. 3:3. * * * Your life is hid with Christ in God.

Rom. 8:2. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and death.

Mt. 19:17. * * * If thou wouldst enter into life, keep the commandments.

Mk. 10:29, 30. Jesus said, * * * There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands, for My sake, and for the gospel's sake, but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, * * * with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

Jn. 4:14. Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into eternal life.

ASSURANCES.

Prov. 20:27. A. V. The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord.

II. Cor. 3:17. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Jn. 6:63. The words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life.

II. Cor. 3:5. Our sufficiency is from God.

II. Chr. 16:9. The eyes of Jehovah run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him.

Ps. 84:5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee.

Deut. 33:27. The eternal God is thy dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Ps. 121:2, 3. My help cometh from Jehovah, who made heaven and earth.

Prov. 4:18. The path of the righteous is as the dawning light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Prov. 28:20. A faithful man shall abound with blessings.

Rom. 10:12. The same Lord is Lord of all, and is rich unto all that call upon Him.

Ps. 119:165. Great peace have they that love Thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

Prov. 19:23. The fear of Jehovah tendeth to life; and he that hath it shall abide satisfied.

I. Jn. 4:18. There is no fear in love:
* * * perfect love casteth out fear.

Neh. 8:10. * * * The joy of Jehovah is your strength.

Isa. 26:4. Trust ye in Jehovah forever; for in Jehovah is an everlasting rock.

Ps. 34:7. The angel of Jehovah encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

Prov. 16:3. Commit thy works unto Jehovah, and thy purposes shall be established.

Gal. 6:4. Let each man prove his own work, and then shall he have his glorying in regard of himself alone, and not of his neighbor.

Phil. 4:7. A. V. The peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Isa. 55:11. My word * * * shall not return unto Me void.

Ps. 26:5. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Prov. 11:25. The liberal soul shall be made fat.

Isa. 30:15. * * * In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.

Rev. 22:14. A. V. Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Lu. 12:37. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching.

Heb. 10:36. For ye have need of patience, that, having done the will of God, ye may receive the promise.

II. Cor. 5:1. We know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle (margin, bodily frame) be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

II. Pet. 3:13. According to His promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

I. Jn. 2:17. The world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life." "But as many as received Him, to them gave He the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on His name." To experience forgiveness of sin, regeneration, and growth in grace to maturity in Christ, requires the personal acceptance, by faith, of the Divine gift. God is more willing to give His Spirit to them that ask, than man is to receive. His mercy endures forever. He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Therefore, when man complies with the conditions of acceptance, results are sure.

Vital relationship between God and man is established by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "No man can come to Me, except the Father that sent Me draw him." This drawing by the operation of the Spirit is the source of the impulse in man, which, when yielded to, converts the will to choose Christ. Whoever feels this impulse Godward may know that the Spirit is striving in him, and will supply whatever is needed to make possible the new birth.

When one begins the study of numbers he does not understand the science of mathematics. But by following the rules, he demonstrates its laws and principles, and proves the science. Likewise, the unconverted soul knows not the how or why of the plan of salvation. But if he obeys the law and yields to the inward strivings of the Spirit, he experiences a change of heart

and has the witness of the Spirit, whereby he knows that he has passed from death unto life, and is a redeemed, accepted child of God. The way of salvation and the law of growth in grace are indicated in the following texts:

ESSENTIALS OF CONVERSION.

1. **Repentance:** Mt. 4:17. * * * Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Acts 3:19. Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out. Mt. 18:3, 4. Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Lu. 14:11. For every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

2. **Belief.** Acts 16:31. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Jn. 5:24. * * * He that heareth My Word, and believeth him that sent Me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life. Jn. 6:29. Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent. Jn. 6:37. All that which the Father giveth Me shall come unto Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. Heb. 11:6. Without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing to Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

3. **Confession:** Rom. 10:9, 10. If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord,

and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Mt. 10:32, 33. Every one therefore who shall confess Me before men, him will I also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father who is in heaven. I. Jn. 4:15. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him and he in God.

4. **Baptism:** Jn. 3:5. * * * Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he can not enter into the kingdom of God. Mk. 16:16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned. Acts 22:16. And now why tarriest thou? arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on His name.

THE WAY OF DISCIPLESHIP.

1. **Claim Inheritance:** II. Cor. 5:17. If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new. But all things are of God. Rom. 6:12, 13. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey the lusts thereof; neither present your members unto sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves unto God, as alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. Rom. 8:1, 14, 16, 17. There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. The Spirit Himself beareth witness

with our spirit, that we are children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified with Him. I. Pet. 1:4, 5.

2. **Self-Renunciation:** Lu. 9:23. And He said unto all, If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. Mt. 10:39. He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it. Rom. 6:6, 11. Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin; Even so reckon ye also yourself to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus. Gal. 2:20. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. Gal. 5:16, 24. * * * Walk by the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. And they that are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts thereof.

3. **Living By Grace:** II. Cor. 12:9. * * * My grace is sufficient for thee: for My power is made perfect in weakness. Zech. 4:6. * * * Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith Jehovah of Hosts. Ezek. 36:27. I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My ordinances, and do them. Rom. 5:1, 2. Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; through whom also we have had our access by faith

into this grace wherein we stand; and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. I. Cor. 1:4, 5. I thank my God always concerning you, for the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus; that in everything ye were enriched in Him, in all utterance and all knowledge. Phil. 4:4. Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, rejoice. I. Pet. 1:6-9. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, ye have been put to grief in manifold trials, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold that perisheth though it is proved by fire, may be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ: whom not having seen ye love; on whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice greatly with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. II. Pet. 3:18. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

4. **Abiding in Christ:** Jn. 14:23. If a man love Me, he will keep My words, and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. Jn. 15:5, 8. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from Me ye can do nothing. Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be My disciples. Jn. 14:21. He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself unto him. I. Cor. 6:19, 20. Know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy

Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body. Heb. 6:1. Wherefore leaving the doctrine of the first principles of Christ, let us press on unto perfection. Col. 3:16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God. Eph. 4:13. Till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

CONVICTING THE UNSAVED.

1. **The Chief Sin: Refusal To Believe In Christ:** Jn. 3:18. He that believeth on Him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God. He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him. I. Jn. 2:22, 23. Who is the liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, even he that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that confesseth the Son hath the Father also.

2. **Sin, The Cause Of Unbelief:** Jn. 3:19-21. This is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. For every one that doeth

evil hateth the light, and cometh not to the light, lest his works should be reprov'd. But he that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been wrought in God.

3. **Personal Unbelief No Excuse:** Jn. 7:17. If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from Myself. I. Jn. 5:10, 11. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in him: he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar; because he hath not believed in the witness that God hath borne concerning His Son. And the witness is this, that God gave unto us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

4. **Self-Righteousness:** Lu. 16:15. Jesus said unto them, Ye are they that justify yourselves in the sight of men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. Prov. 28:26. He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool; but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered. Gal. 2:16. Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we believed on Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law: because by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. Rom. 3:23. For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God. Rev. 3:17. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art the wretched one and miserable and poor and blind and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold refined by fire, that thou mayest become rich; and white garments, that thou

mayest clothe thyself, and that the shame of thy nakedness be not made manifest; and eyesalve to anoint thine eyes, that thou mayest see.

5. **Consequences of Sin—Death:** Jas. 1:15. Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is full-grown, bringeth forth death. Rom. 6:23. For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOD'S ANSWERS TO SATAN'S SUGGESTIONS.

1. **"No, Not Now:"** Prov. 27:1. Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Heb. 3:13. But exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called Today; lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. II. Cor. 6:2. For He saith, At an acceptable time I hearkened unto thee, and in a day of salvation did I succor thee: behold, now is the day of salvation.

2. **"Too Many Hypocrites In The Church:"** Rom. 14:10-12. But thou, why dost thou judge thy brother? or thou again, why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of God. Mt. 7:1. Judge not that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured unto you. Rom. 2:1-5.

3. **"Cannot Live The Life:"** I. Cor. 10:13. There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful,

who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it. II. Cor. 12:9. And He hath said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My power is made perfect in weakness. Mt. 11:30. My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

4. **"Cannot Give Up Worldly Pleasures:"** Lu. 18:28-30. And Peter said, Lo, we have left our own, and followed Thee. And He said unto them, Verily I say unto ycu, There is no man that hath left house, or wife, or brethren, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this time, and in the world to come eternal life. Heb. 11:24, 26. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; accounting the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt: for he looked unto the recompense of reward.

5. **"My Friends Would Ridicule:"** Prov. 29:25. The fear of man bringeth a snare; But whoso putteth his trust in Jehovah shall be safe. Mk. 8:38. For whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man also shall be ashamed of him, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels. Jas. 4:4. * * * Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore would be a friend of the world maketh himself an enemy of God.

6. **"Business Requirements Forbid Chris-**

tian Living:" Mk. 8:35-37. Whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall save it. For what doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? For what should a man give in exchange for his life? Mt. 6:33. But seek ye first His kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

7. **"Enjoy The Present: Never Mind The Future:"** Gal. 6:7. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life. Lu. 12:16-21. The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he reasoned within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have not where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, be merry. But God said unto him, Thou foolish one, this night is thy soul required of thee; and the things which thou hast prepared, whose shall they be? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

8. **"Scientists Have not Demonstrated Immortality:"** I Cor. 2:14. The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged. I. Cor. 3:19. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with

God. I. Cor. 15:16-19. If the dead are not raised, neither hath Christ been raised: and if Christ hath not been raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also that are fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable.

9. **"The Vicarious Atonement Is Not Reasonable:"** Rom. 5:8, 9. But God commendeth His own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, shall we be saved from the wrath of God through Him. I. Jn. 1:7. * * * The blood of Jesus His Son cleanseth us from all sin. Heb. 9:11-14. But Christ having come a high priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, * * * through His own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption. How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered Himself without blemish unto God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

10. **"Sin Is Unreal, An Illusion of Mortal Mind:"** I. Jn. 3:4. A. V. * * * Sin is the transgression of the law. I. Jn. 5:17. All unrighteousness is sin. Ezek. 18:20. The soul that sinneth, it shall die. Jas. 1:15. Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is full-grown, bringeth forth death. I. Pet. 2:24. Who His own self bare our sins in His body on the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed.

11. **"Don't Believe in a Personal Devil:"*** Mt. 4:10, 11. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth Him; and behold, angels came and ministered unto Him. I. Pet. 5:8. * * * Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Jas. 4:7. * * * Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Eph. 6:11. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12. **"Have Sinned Too Deeply to Be Forgiven:"** I. Tim. 1:15. Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. Isa. 1:18. Come now, and let us reason together, saith Jehovah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Rom. 10:12, 13. * * * For the same Lord is Lord of all, and is rich unto all that call upon him: for, Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Lu. 19:10. For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.

13. **"Am A Member of The Church:"** Jn. 3:3. * * * Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God. I. Pet. 4:17, 18. For the time is come for judgment to begin at the house of God: and if it begin first at us, what shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous is scarcely saved, where shall the ungodly

* There are over 112 allusions to Satan in the scriptures, as a personal being. Nowhere is he spoken of as an impersonal evil principle.

and sinner appear? Mt. 7:22, 23. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by Thy name, and by Thy name cast out demons and by Thy name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity. Heb. 12:14, 15. Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord: looking carefully lest there be any man that falleth short of the grace of God.

14. **"God's Goodness Will Not Permit Any To Be Lost:"** Rom. 2:4-6. Despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? but after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up for thyself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; who will render to every man according to his works. Jn. 5:40. Ye will not come to Me, that ye may have life. Ezek. 33:11. Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?

15. **"Do Not Believe In The Deity Of Jesus Christ:"** Jn. 10:30. I and the Father are one. Jn. 5:22, 23. For neither doth the Father judge any man, but He hath given all judgment unto the Son; that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father that sent Him. Heb. 1:8. Of the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; and the sceptre of upright-

ness is the sceptre of Thy Kingdom. I. Jn. 2:22, 23. Who is the liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? This is the anti-christ, even he that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that confesseth the Son hath the Father also.

THE DIVINE RIGHT OF CHRISTIANS.

1. To Be Free From The Bondage of Sin: Jn. 8:36. If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. Gal. 5:1. A. V. Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Rom. 6:22. But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto sanctification and the end eternal life.

2. To Live As Spiritual Beings—Children Of God: II. Cor. 5:17. If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature. I. Jn. 3:1. Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. Rom. 8:16-17. The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified with Him. I. Pet. 2:9. Ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellences of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

3. To Receive Grace For Every Need: II. Cor. 12:9. * * * My grace is sufficient for thee: for My power is made perfect in weakness. Col. 1:11. Strengthened with all power, according to the might of His glory, unto all patience and longsuffering with joy. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted. Heb. 4:16. Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need.

4. To Be Taught By The Holy Spirit: Jn. 16:13. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He shall guide you into all the truth. Jas. 1:5. If any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting. I. Cor. 2:10, 12. But unto us God revealed them through the Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. But we received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is from God; that we might know the things that were freely given to us of God. I. Jn. 2:27. And as for you, the anointing which ye received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any one teach you; but as His anointing teacheth you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, ye abide in Him. Jer. 31:33, 34.

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with him. Jn. 17:20, 21. Neither for these only do I pray, but for them also that believe on Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in us: that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me. Gal. 2:20. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

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